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### ABSTRACT

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- 2) Development and understanding of nanofibers and nanofiber based composites
- 3) Thin films
- 4) Development and characterization of the functional inorganic materials
- 5) Impacting perovskite material and devices
- 6) Teaching and learning

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Books

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Patents Submitted

N/A

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N/A

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N/A

Graduate Students

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Total Number:	

Names of Post Doctorates

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### Names of other research staff

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**Sub Contractors (DD882)**

**Inventions (DD882)**

**Scientific Progress**

N/A

**Technology Transfer**

N/A

# Final Report

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Acquisition of X-ray Photoelectron Spectroscopy  
System for Interdisciplinary Research &  
Education in Multi-scale Materials at The  
University of Texas – Pan American W911NF-  
14-1-0100

**Dr. Waseem Haider**

5/15/2015



K-Alpha X-ray Photoelectron Spectrometer (XPS) System (\$369,035) with an extended warranty (\$49,965) was purchased from Fisher Scientific Company, LLC. which has been or will be used in the following research projects:

1) Development of corrosion-resistant and biocompatible biomedical materials

Surface chemistry of metallic (Titanium-based alloys, 316L Stainless Steel and Cobalt-Chromium alloys) and polymeric (Chitosan and Collagen) has been studied using x-ray photoelectron spectrometer. Initially, elemental surface composition has been obtained by XPS survey spectra. Prominent elements from XPS survey spectra has been selected for further analysis and high-resolution XPS spectra along with depth profiles have been obtained. A journal article was published and the support of US Army Research Office was acknowledged. Recently, two graduate students have completed their MS degrees and extensively used the XPS in their surface analyses. At the end of their studies, master's theses were written and the support of US Army Research Office was acknowledged.

2) Development and understanding of nanofibers and nanofiber based composites

XPS is a great tool to study forcespun nanofiber composites for energy storage devices and also for ceramic nanofibers for aerospace and defense applications. Initially XPS has been used to characterize some nanostructures. More detailed analysis will be performed on forcespun nanofibers and nanofibers based composites. This research work is under progress

3) Thin films

A professor and a graduate student from Electrical Engineering Department have studied semiconductor thin films on x-ray photoelectron spectrometer System. The chemistry of these layered semiconductor thin films has been investigated in detail. At the end of this study, master's thesis was written and the support of US Army Research Office was acknowledged.

4) Development and characterization of the functional inorganic materials

The key research area in this research group is to develop functional inorganic materials with novel architectures and functional properties, in some cases heterogeneous nanomaterials with multi-nanocomponents, by various synthetic procedures. Our goal is to meet specific application needs by controllably synthesizing functional nanomaterials. Currently we are interested in transition metal oxides, including binary oxides and complex oxides (such as perovskites). Therefore, XPS will be very useful to determine the chemical and structural information of the synthesized functional materials along with other techniques. This research work is under progress.

5) Impacting perovskite material and devices

X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy (XPS) will be used to significantly improve our fundamental understanding of these special, non-conventional, electric-field tunable materials that can result in further improvements in the temperature insensitivity of the dielectric properties of the material,

improvements in electric-field tunability, and decreased electrical losses, each of which improves device and system performance.

Teaching and learning: The XPS system is playing a significant role in active learning experiences. The hands on participation of the students in experimental research and class projects is allowing a better understanding of the practical challenges of science that are complex in lecture learning. Several existent courses such as MECE 6328 Spectroscopic Techniques, MECE 6327 Intermediate Nanotechnology, MECE 4333 Biomaterials, PHYS 3307 Introduction to Solid State Physics, and CHEM 6320 Advanced Instrumental Analysis are being or will benefit from XPS instrumentation since students are or will be allowed to complement their final projects with XPS work. Other courses such as Surface Characterization Techniques and Surface Science will be developed in future.

The XPS instrumentation is also strengthening MS programs in Mechanical Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Chemistry, Biology and Physics. The creation and strengthening of such programs will serve to empower South Texas where education improvement is of paramount importance.

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1) Submissions or publications under ARO sponsorship during this reporting period. List the title of each and give the total number for each of the following categories:

a) Papers published in peer-reviewed journals - 1  
R. Rokicki, W. Haider, S. Maffi, "Hemocompatibility Improvement of Chromium Bearing Bare Metal Stent Platform After Magnetoelectropolishing", Journal of Materials Engineering and Performance: Volume 24, Issue 1 (2015) pp. 345-352.

b) Papers published in non-peer-reviewed journals- N/A

c) Presentations

i) Presentations at meetings, but not published in Conference Proceedings- N/A

ii) Non-Peer-Reviewed Conference Proceeding publications (other than abstracts) -N/A

iii) Peer-Reviewed Conference Proceeding publications (other than abstracts)-N/A

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e) Books – N/A

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b) Post Doctorates

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d) Undergraduate Students

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(i) Number who graduated during this period

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Defense

(vii) Number who will receive scholarships or fellowships for further studies in science, mathematics, engineering or technology fields

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- 3) "Technology transfer" (any specific interactions or developments which would constitute technology transfer of the research results). Examples include patents, initiation of a start-up company based on research results, interactions with industry/Army R&D Laboratories or transfer of information which might impact the development of products. – N/A
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